

# 2013 Christmas Tree Cutting on the Modoc National Forest November 8<sup>th</sup>

You can cut your own Christmas tree on the Modoc National Forest by purchasing a permit. Permits are now available at Likely General Store in Likely, California, Chevron Station in Alturas, California, Davis Creek Mercantile in Davis Creek, California, Adin Supply Co. in Adin, California, Page's Market in Cedarville, California, Don's Deli in Newell, California, Jolly Kone, Tulelake, California, as well as local Forest Service offices. These merchants are looking forward to providing this service to the community. Residents will be able to purchase permits during weekdays and weekends at the above mentioned stores without having to travel to a Forest Service office.

The \$10.00 permits are also available at the Modoc National Forest headquarters in Alturas, and the district offices in Adin, Tulelake, and Cedarville. They can be obtained through the mail by sending a check to Modoc National Forest, 225 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Checks should be made out to USDA Forest Service, and accompanied by a return address in order to process the request quickly. Two permits per household are allowed.

Permits are non-refundable.

Permit and this handout MUST be in possession when cutting the tree. You must also present your permit to any Peace Officer or Forest Peace Officer upon request. Attach permit to the trunk of the tree between the limbs and seal so that it must be broken when removed. The permit must be signed and secured on the tree at all times when transporting.

## **Cutting practices:**

- Christmas trees must not exceed 6 inches in diameter.
- Topping a tree is not permitted.
- Stumps must be no greater than 12 inches in height.
- No live branches remaining on the stump.

Cutting is permitted anywhere on the Forest **EXCEPT** as listed below:

#### **No Tree Cutting:**

- Within areas posted prohibiting woodcutting.
- Within 200 feet of campgrounds, paved roads, and administrative sites.

**Keeping the tree fresh:** If you cut your tree early, you can keep your tree fresh by cutting approximately one to two inches off the base of the tree when you get home. Then place the tree in a container of water set in a cool shady area and check the water often.

<u>Safety for when you are out cutting your tree in the forest:</u> Tell a friend or relative where you are to be cutting your tree and when you should be getting back.

- Ensure you have safety items such as a shovel, snow chains, gloves, warm clothes, food, and water.
- Don't forget your sharp saw.

## Safety rules for handling Christmas trees in your home:

- Select a fresh, green tree.
- Saw off the butt end of the tree at least 1 to 2 inches above the original cut.
- Keep the fresh cut butt end of the tree in a container of water during the time the tree is in the house.
- Be sure the tree is well supported and is away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, heaters, or other sources of heat.
- Check the electric lights and connections.
- Lighted candles or other open flames should never be used on or near the tree.

# Christmas tree permits are available at the following businesses:

Jolly Kone	Don's Deli
223 Main St., Tulelake	45690 Hwy 139, Newell
(530) 667-2622	(530) 664-2891
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sat & Sun 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm	1
<b>Davis Creek Mercantile</b>	Page's Market
41942 Hwy 395 Davis Creek	488 Main St., Cedarville
(530) 233-3758	(530) 279-2626
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mon – Sat 08:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Sunday 08:30 am – 5:30 pm
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<b>Chevron Station</b>	Adin Supply Co.
1080 N. Main St., Alturas	104 Main St., Adin
(530) 233-5114	(530) 299-3249
Mon - Sun 5:00 am – 9:00 pm	Mon – Fri 07:00 am – 07:00 pm
	Sat 08:00 am – 7:00 pm
Likely General Store	Sun 08:00 am – 5:00 pm
Hwy 395 S., Likely	
(530) 233-4916	
Mon-Sat 9:00 am – 6:00 pm/Sun 11:00 – 2:00	